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## Letter dated 10 December 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter by His Excellency, Mr. Milan Panic, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 79.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
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ANNEX

Letter from the Prime Minister of Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to ask for your kind assistance in view of initiating a gradual lifting of sanctions in the environmental field.

It can be rightfully said that sanctions imposed against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia endanger man's inviolable right to life and health as well as the right to protect and promote his environment.

In addition to being in contravention of numerous international documents - among which is the Declaration adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development - sanctions derogate international cooperation which is indispensable and should be pursued without discrimination or isolation of any one State or nation.

Furthermore, sanctions hamper the implementation of the idea on Montenegro as an environment-conscious State, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Yet, it would be unfair of me not to point out the prompt reaction of the United Nations Sanctions Committee to enable the rehabilitation of the potentially dangerous ecological problem, the pollution of the Tara River. This example illustrates that the world is not immune to the threat of catastrophes and that it is ready to help.

I therefore count on your using good offices with the Security Council so that, as a beginning, it might allow scientific and technical cooperation, and ensure chances for the implementation of numerous international conventions on the environment, as well as to lift sanctions in those areas of the ecology which are global in nature.

(Signed) Milan PANIC

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